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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A PLURALITY OF COMPUTERS  
EACH PROVIDING A SHARED STORAGE ACCESS  
PROCESSING MECHANISM FOR CONTROLLING  
LOCAL/REMOTE ACCESS TO SHARED STORAGE DEVICE  
(Amended)

Group: 2142

Examiner: H. Nguyen

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL - EXPEDITED**  
**PROCEDURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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March 29, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.